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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/616,289, filed July 14, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/517,849, filed March 2, 2000, which is a continuation-in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/979,608, filed November 26, 1997, which claimed priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/031,930, filed November 27, 1996, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/048,547, filed June 3, 1997. These applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Fig. 3 depicts the amino acid sequence of amino acids 319 to 550 of rabbit LBP-2 (SEQ ID NO: 3).--

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